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Letter: Wesley Bouslog to Opal Valentine Baker, February 11 , 1918

Wesley Bouslog

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Monday 2/11/18

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Dearest Valentine: -

Have spent the evening in reading letters, post cards and the like. 2 letters from you, all those post cards from U and one from Dalta, a letter from Mr. O'Brien and one from Horace Thompson. I certainly have passed several pleasant minutes this evening. Glad to hear that it is warmer in Old Ind.

Say I would answer your card for card if it were possible to get them in camp. As it is I can only say "Thank you for the remembrance" and that I will answer by letter.

The boys are all very busy reading Pres. Wilson's Speech

to Congress. They all say it
is a very clever move and
will probably bring results.
I read it and it strikes to
the heart. If Germany can-
not now see that America
is fair, just and desirous
of settling the matter with
justice to the world, then our
aim is more a concerted
effort to bring the Kaiser to
his knees. The boys are also
very much interested in
the peace treaty between
Russia + Germany. This treaty
means hundreds of thousands
of prisoners freed which Russia
has held and turned loose
to fight against us but
we are in the right and so
let it be as it may right
is might in the end.

Well if you know how
heavy I am I can say that
I weigh just the same as

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the day I left. I swung a
mattock for four solid
hours this A. M. Our company
was detailed to dig up the
parade grounds and cut
out all the roots, etc so that
sprouts would not shoot up.
It was amusing to see the
City Chaps trying to use them
but it was easy for me. I
had had experience before.
'C', my weight is now 154
Can you imagine how heavy
that is. Ha!

Well, Tell Jim I send her my
sympathy for I myself have
endured the sufferings of tooth
ache.

L.H. Was just here and
told me about Cletha. He also

said your mother was
confined to her bed, be-
cause of sickness. Well
these are surely troublesome
times for all as it seems as
tho' we are all doomed to
suffer. My best wishes for
your mother's speedy recovery.
I know that the last few
months has been an awful
strain upon her but I trust
she may spend just as
many happy days as the
unhappy ones she has passed
thru.

Tell Hugh I dreamed that he
was looking bad and that
he should be more moderate.
Well I am going to send
you a picture within the
next 30 days and you may
see for yourself that I am
yet mistake-less.

Well Adah I think L.G.
considers Otis's course as
the best for him and is
glad that it happened as

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it did.

Received the Indianapolis news today and read some of it. We get the papers here everyday. The "Florida Times Union" in the morning and "The Florida Metropolis" in the eve. The Camp is always alive with newsboys who come right into our barracks. Well I spend six cents a day for papers, 3 for morning paper and 3 for evening. I scarcely read more than the head lines. Newspapers from Old Ind are very pleasing and enjoyed. I generally give them to Bryant or L. G. when I finish reading them so in this way they pass thro' others

hands who enjoy them
the same as I.

In speaking of the respect and interest people have for a soldier I know that many think of us as much less than human but if it wasn't for us, they would get down on their knees and say to the Kaiser. "Dear Kaiser Wilhelm, we accept thee as our idol in preference to Christ." It takes just such things as the loss of many on the Tuscunia to bring them to realize this this war is at their very doors and that even the loss of a soldier is to their disadvantage and future peace. Well it had a very decided effect on our company and I presume it affected the armed forces thru out the U.S. just the same way. Where hatred before existed for the German brutes now a most bitter hatred

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now is prevalent among all.

All the boys are O. K.

Well I must close and

write a short letter to Delta.
I should be ashamed that
I have not remembered her
in any of my letters for I
can but admit that I surely
as a friend desire to cheer
happy and I know how
she has suffered in the
past months and has borne
it in a very commendable way
I am sure.

With love unspoken
I am

Yours as B/H

Your forever

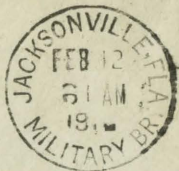
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W. H.

I won't be naughty
tonite and I
will leave of the 11



"WITH THE COLORS"



Miss Opal Valentine Baker,
Sulphur Springs,
Indiana.
Henry County

